GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:144
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2012
PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement a host of schemes for preservation and conservation of historical monuments by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government / ASI have failed to implement these schemes due to shortage of funds;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e)the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Union Government to ensure sufficient funds to implement its important projects

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e)OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 144 FOR 21.08.2012.

(a) & (b) Conservation, preservation, maintenance and development of environs around centrally protected monuments and sites are the prime tasks of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Such conservation work is funded by Government of India through a scheme for `Conservation of Ancient Monuments`

(c) to (e) No Sir, Conservation work of protected monuments is a continuous process. Funds are provided for essential conservation and preservation works subject to prioritization. Besides allocation from the Government of India, some works are taken up by ASI through funding under National Culture Fund, World Monument Fund and contributions available under Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) funds. The protected monuments are in a good state of preservation.